

country and his exemplary citizenship. His name is Austin Harris.

Austin is someone who exercises his patriotism on a daily basis. His room is decorated red, white and blue, and he watches the Congressional proceedings on television. Not only that but he also makes a habit of reading remarks made by the President of the United States.

While he keeps himself updated on a regular basis on the affairs of the federal government, Austin has also distinguished himself locally. He has served as an advocate for public transportation and represented his city in the "All-American Cities" competition in Atlanta, Georgia.

Austin has also taken the time to travel to our state capitol and lobby the State Legislature for services for persons with developmental disabilities. His volunteerism hasn't stopped there; Austin is also a volunteer at his local senior center, City Zoo and Teen court.

The fact that a young man would take the time to do so much is impressive enough. Oftentimes in our society, it seems as though we have to do a lot to get young folks interested in civics and community service. The fact that Austin has done this on his own sets him apart from his peers. The fact that Austin has cerebral palsy and is epileptic elevates him above his peers.

The fact that Austin has an uphill battle in dealing with issues we take for granted every day and still gives back to his community is itself, unique. It is unique to Austin and it is uniquely American.

I am proud to say that this young man hails from my district. I wish that more young people across America had his sense of duty and pride in his country. Austin realizes that for America to continue to be great, everyone must do their part every day. I am honored to recognize him today and wish him continued success. His actions do us all proud and are a shining example of what it truly means to be an American citizen.

COMMEMORATING JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I want to begin by thanking my colleague, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, for championing this cause tonight.

Jewish American Heritage Month is a time to celebrate all of the valuable contributions that Jewish Americans have made to our culture and shared history. These contributions have been represented in achievements in public service, medicine, politics, technology, literature and entertainment.

Without a firm appreciation for Jewish tradition and history we leave ourselves open to attitudes and behavior focused on religious bias and prejudice.

American culture and history is full of the positive contributions that Jewish Americans have made.

In World War II, over 500,000 Jews served in the American military—many of them paying the ultimate price for our country's freedom and liberty.

One of my boyhood heroes—the great Sandy Koufax pitcher for the LA Dodgers—

was Jewish. His religious devotion caused him to sit out of game 1 of the 1965 World Series because it was on Yom Kippur. Yet he came back, and pitched two games in the series, leading the Dodgers to victory.

We have also had many Jewish Americans serve in public office. The first Jewish Congressman, David Levy Yulee, was elected in 1841. Oscar Straus was the first Jew to serve in the President's Cabinet in 1806.

Taking time to honor celebrations like this is important for Americans to reflect on our history.

We must remember that we are a nation of immigrants. A nation of different ethnicities and religions. And instead of ignoring them, it is important to take time and honor our differences and appreciate them. In doing this, we build our diverse culture and strengthen our country's unity.

As a Hispanic, I know what kind of challenges exist and our cultures share many of the same views on many important issues—issues like civil rights, comprehensive immigration reform, promotion of diversity.

I am proud to be here, honoring Jewish Americans and their contributions that have enriched our history and culture.

UNITED STATES-ISRAEL ROCKET AND MISSILE DEFENSE COOPERATION AND SUPPORT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the United States-Israel Missile Defense Cooperation and Support Act (H.R. 5327). I have had the pleasure of traveling to Israel on many occasions, and I have witnessed firsthand the fear that prevents children from running freely for fear of being too far from shelter when the next rocket attack comes. As we try to facilitate peace negotiations in the Middle East, we also have a responsibility to help Israel with the economic, social, and security costs resulting from terrorist attacks. That includes helping our friend and ally develop defensive technologies to protect her population.

I have supported United States-Israel cooperation on the Arrow, Iron Dome, and other antimissile defense systems for years. I am pleased that President Obama has requested \$205 million for this program and that this bill provides the necessary authority for the administration to assist in the procurement, maintenance, and sustainment of these technologies. Our cooperative effort will benefit both the United States and Israel for many years to come. This is a very worthy bill, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

HONORING GLENDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Glendale Chamber of Commerce as it celebrates its 100th anniversary.

The Glendale Chamber of Commerce, established in 1910, is a local organization committed to sound and stable economic growth in the City of Glendale. In accordance with this mission, the Chamber aims to provide the leadership required to keep the business community's goals in focus and to keep Glendale competitive as an economic hub for the greater Los Angeles area. As the city's "Voice of Business," it works to increase prosperity by encouraging the growth of existing business and nurturing new enterprises.

Initially created as an informal institution modeled after earlier improvement organizations, the Chamber responded to the expansion of the city by adopting a more formal structure. It officially established an annual membership fee and hired a manager in 1921. The Chamber's early successes are many. In the first two decades, it successfully lobbied for a new post office, worked to establish the city's Grand Central Airport, worked for the adoption of the uniform building code, lobbied for the establishment of a Department of Motor Vehicles office in town, and lobbied for the establishment of a Superior Court in the city.

As Glendale's population has grown from 2700 in 1921 to 270,000 today, so too has the Chamber sought to expand and improve its service to the community and its member businesses. In accordance with its mission statement, it strives to nurture the growth of private businesses, maintain the city's economic productivity, and promote a free market economy. As a strong community partner, the Chamber works full time to fulfill the tenets of its mission, its efforts spearheaded by a talented group of business and community leaders serving as its Board of Directors. In large part due to the Chamber's efforts, Glendale has transformed from an agrarian community to a major financial and retail center in Southern California.

I am proud to recognize the past and present members and supporters of the Chamber for their unique contributions to Glendale's local community, and I ask all Members to join me in congratulating the Glendale Chamber of Commerce for 100 years of dedicated service.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF HOWARD DODSON, JR.: HISTORY'S KEEPER IN HARLEM

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in order to pay tribute to the commendable work of Mr. Howard Dodson. As director of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture he has provided the community with an abundant collection of African American historical materials. Recently, The New Yorker published an article profiling Mr. Dodson and his contributions to African American history.

Mr. Dodson, who is turning 71 in June, has been running Harlem's Schomburg Center for the last 25 years. Under his leadership, the center has raised over 40 million dollars and has preserved some of African American history's most important treasures, including Malcolm X's diaries from Mecca and first editions